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Mr. Fred Dunn
1104 Maple Leaf Drive
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Duty to Maintain

Historic District: 1841 Crooks Road
Sidwell: 15-20-428-003
HDC File No. 99-011

Dear Mr. Dunn:

On behalf of the City's Historic Districts Commission, I would like to review the outstanding matters regarding the above referenced historic district and request an update from you on the status of the work currently underway.

The City's Building Department indicates they have extended your Demolition Permit until September 1, 2007, and also that they are awaiting revised plans regarding the proposed additions to the home per their letter of May 18, 2007.

Also, on April 23, 2007, we received a Zoning Board of Appeals Application from you. On June 1, 2007, you picked up the plans and variance explanation letter with the intent of revising them subsequent to a meeting held here at City Hall between you, your architect, representatives of the Building Department and myself. To date, no revised plans or a revised variance explanation letter have been re-submitted. Without those revised documents, your variance request cannot be scheduled before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As you are aware, on June 19, 2006 the Historic Districts Commission issued two Certificates of Appropriateness for this property; one for the removal of portions of the existing house, and one for the rehabilitation of and addition to the home. Those Certificates were valid for one year and have since expired.

Should you demonstrate that the work approved by the Certificates of Appropriateness is currently on going, the Commission may extend the Certificates.

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In the event the resource is to remain vacant, the Commission recommends mothballing the house per National Park Service Preservation Brief 31, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Mothballing a historic property secures the building with measures that will insure no further deterioration occurs to the structure.

I am very much aware of the amount of time and effort you have put into the rehabilitation of this historic resource, and would like to offer my assistance in getting the various outstanding issues settled as quickly as possible.

Please give me a call at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Derek Delacourt, Staff Liaison
City of Rochester Hills
Historic Districts Commission

Enclosures

cc: Building Department